Reply of Government.—No change is necessary. If such share is above the prescribed minimum, it can be made a separate survey number under the rules during resurvey. It would be inconvenient to allow subdivisions to be made at other times.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Variation in rates in the revision settlement.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Committees of land owners may be formed in each taluk, whose advice regarding the grouping and classification of lands with reference to the yield may be sought before fixing the rates of settlement. This will minimise the variation in the rates in the revision settlement. There is a great deal of inequality in the rates now imposed as local circumstances are not sufficiently considered. Lands in neighbouring villages of the same quality are assessed differently. All this may be avoided if the people are consulted with regard to grouping or alteration of rates.

Reply of Government.—It is not practicable to appoint such committees. The rules allow of appeals being made to Government where the grouping is objected to. Peculiar local circumstances may be brought to the notice of the Survey Department through the local Revenue officers.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Remission of notice fees in special cases.

Messrs. Chikka Guruva Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; Ranganna, Manjarabad Taluk, and A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Taluk authorities issue notices for the recovery of arrears of assessment. After paying the assessment, the ryots petition the Amildars to excuse them from paying the notice fee, but they are told that they are not empowered to do so. It is requested that discretionary powers may be vested in Amildars to excuse the notice fee under special circumstances.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 143.

Subdivision of occupied lands.

Mr. M. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Occupied lands are not allowed to be subdivided without the permission of Government. This leads to many inconveniences. With a view to afford facilities, rules may be framed that, during the time of resurvey, the Survey Department may subdivide occupied lands according to the request of the khatedar himself, of the joint-khatedar, the purchaser or hissedar with possession and enjoyment, and that these subdivisions may be separately numbered and entered in the Government accounts. The consent of the khatedar should not be required before such subdivision is ordered as it is his interest to oppose it. Even when a decree of court is produced declaring a person's right to a specific share in the land it is not subdivided, if the khatedar is unwilling.

Reply of Government.—There is separate provision regarding partition of lands under a decree of court. The existing rules provide all reasonable facilities for such subdivision.